

# Village of Glenwillow

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State of Ohio  
Department of Health  
Northeast District Office  
2025 Second Street  
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221

Attention: Douglas C. Hasbrouck  
Principal District Sanitary Engineer

Dear Sir:

In Re: Testa Bros., Inc. -- Landfill (proposed)  
Village of Glenwillow

The Village Council of the Village of Glenwillow has reviewed your letter of February 25, 1970, together with the proposal and plans submitted by Testa Bros., Inc. for a landfill operation with the Village.

The Council has requested that I, as the Law Director, reply to you and express the feelings and observations of the Village.

At present the Village has an operating landfill on property owned by the Austin Powder Company which is regulated under a very strict operations ordinance and is located in an area which was calculated not to be of harm or hazard to the residents.

The prospect of another landfill operation within our small village does not meet with any enthusiasm, either by the Village fathers or the citizens.

Mr. Testa has repeatedly, over the years, talked about filling his property and has, on several occasions, attempted illegally to dump refuse and sewage waste on his land and has had to be stopped with official force in several instances. The Village has no reason to believe that he would operate a landfill in a proper manner if given a robe of authority to do so.



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The area in which this proposed landfill site would be located is in an area that is a water shed for many of the wells in the Village used by the residents for their total water supply. There are no water mains in the Village and none contemplated for the near future. The probability of this operation polluting the subsurface water and thereby contaminating wells in the area is very possible.

Further, the pollution to Tinkers Creek which is immediately adjacent to the proposed site is very real and this stream then flows into the Metropolitan Park District. The Park authorities have already expressed displeasure over this project.

In addition the entrance to this proposed site is at the bottom of a very steep grade on a very well traveled county road at a railroad grade crossing. The present limited operation of a sand and gravel business has caused considerable concern with the police departments of our Village and the Village of Oakwood as to potential auto accidents as a result of trucks pulling out on the highway into a blind intersection. With the obvious increase in truck traffic if a landfill were in operation it is the opinion of the safety personnel that an intolerable condition would exist which most likely would result in serious traffic problems.

In the past Mr. Testa's dumping operations, in direct violation of the State and Village regulations, have required the Village officials to call the County Board of Health on several occasions in recent months. I would suggest you review the complaints on file with the Cuyahoga County Board for your information.

As additional consideration the total land owned by Mr. Testa in the Village would, under no circumstances, meet the requirements of the Village Ordinance which was designed specifically to prevent multiple operations and thereby contaminate the water supply, cause untold problems with litter, and very real traffic problems to the understaffed police of several communities.

It is therefore the opinion and desire of the Village of Glenwillow that no further landfill operations be commenced within the Village until a time in the future that the Village is in a position to have a controlled water supply and able to cope with the urban problems attending such operations. The Village has made application to the Federal Government for assistance in planning and help with these matters and a landfill operation on the Testa Bros. will not be an asset to the Village which, would in any way, help with our future plans.

Please take this matter under further advisement and if necessary, interested

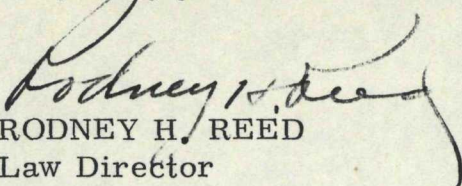


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citizens and members of the official family will be glad to discuss the issue in detail with you or your representatives.

Thank you for your courtesy and consideration.

Very truly yours,

  
RODNEY H. REED  
Law Director

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